

REMARKS

The Office Action dated October 14, 2008, has been reviewed and the comments therein were carefully considered by the Applicants. Claims 48-98 are currently pending. By this Amendment, Applicants have cancelled claims 89-98. Thus, claims 48-88 are currently at issue. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's rejections and allowance of claims 48-88 in the present Application.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §103

In paragraph 3 of the Office Action, claims 48-88 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,278,456 to Wang et al. ("Wang") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,823,373 to Pancha et al. ("Pancha"). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

A. Claims 48-58

Claim 48 includes, among other features, "maintaining an individual calendar ... comprising the one or more [group] calendar events and the one or more private calendar events; and providing access to the individual calendar only to the first wireless device of the group." None of the cited references disclose, teach, or suggest at least this feature of claim 1.

In paragraph 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner asserted that Wang discloses this feature at Col. 11, Lns. 10-50. However, this portion of Wang deals with making reservations for already-scheduled events, involving a publisher (i.e., museum, sports team, etc.) and individual Web surfers, using a calendar application. There is no disclosure in this portion of Wang of any individual terminals being provided access to group/shared calendar events for other wireless terminals (i.e., the "calendar events" in claim 48). It appears that each individual Web surfer would only have access to events scheduled by himself/herself. Applicants restate that Wang does not contain any disclosure of maintaining or providing an individual calendar that contains both individual (non-shared) and group (shared) calendar events. The Office Action does not offer any explanation of how or why the above-cited portion of Wang should be considered to disclose this feature of claim 48. Accordingly, Wang does not disclose, teach, or suggest at least this feature of claim 48.

In paragraph 25 of the Office Action, the Examiner asserts that Wang discloses individual calendar events and shared common calendar events, and “this constitutes being on the same calendar.” Applicants disagree. Even if Wang is considered to disclose both private and shared calendar events, there is no disclosure in Wang of maintaining a single calendar containing both types of events that is accessible only to a single wireless device. As stated in the previous Response, Wang discusses a calendar applet that manages event schedules for individuals or working groups (Col. 6, Lns. 28-30), and does not disclose any calendar that contains both types of events together. Additionally, Wang does not discuss the accessibility of such individual or group event schedules. Applicants note that the Examiner’s statements in paragraph 25 do not contain citations to the relevant disclosure in Wang. The only portions of Wang cited by the Examiner to disclose this feature are at Col. 11, Lns. 10-50. As stated above, this cited disclosure is largely irrelevant to these claim features, and it is not clear where in this disclosure the Examiner finds these features. Thus, Applicant restates that Wang does not disclose, teach, or suggest this feature of claim 48.

Pancha also does not disclose, teach, or suggest this feature, and the Office Action does not assert that Pancha does so. Accordingly, the cited references do not disclose all the features of claim 48, and no prima facie case of obviousness has been established with respect to claim 48.

Claims 49-58 depend from claim 48, and contain all the elements thereof. Thus, for the same reasons stated above with respect to claim 48, no prima facie case of obviousness has been established with respect to claims 49-58.

Applicants also restate that at least dependent claims 49 and 52-54 contain additional features not disclosed by Wang or Pancha, for the reasons detailed in Applicants’ previous response.

B. Claims 59-68

Claim 59 includes, among other features, “maintaining an individual calendar ... comprising the one or more calendar events and the one or more private calendar events; and providing access to the individual calendar only to the first wireless device of the group.”

This element is similar to the element discussed above with respect to claim 48. For the same reasons stated above with respect to claim 48, no prima facie case of obviousness has been established with respect to claim 59 or dependent claims 60-68 depending therefrom.

Applicants also restate that at least dependent claims 60 and 63-65 contain additional features not disclosed by Wang or Pancha, for the reasons detailed in Applicants' previous response.

C. Claims 69-75

Claim 69 includes, among other features, "accessing an individual calendar maintained on the server and accessible only by the apparatus, the individual calendar comprising the one or more calendar events, the one or more additional calendar events, and the one or more private calendar events." As stated above with respect to claim 48, Wang does not contain any disclosure of maintaining or providing an individual calendar that contains both private and shared calendar events. Pancha also does not disclose this feature. Accordingly, the cited references do not disclose all the elements of claim 69, and no prima facie case of obviousness has been established with respect to claim 69 or dependent claims 70-75 depending therefrom.

Applicants also restate that at least dependent claims 74 and 75 contain additional features not disclosed by Wang or Pancha, for the reasons detailed in Applicants' previous response.

D. Claims 76-82

Claim 76 includes, among other features, "accessing an individual calendar maintained on the server and accessible only by the first device, the individual calendar comprising the one or more calendar events, the one or more additional calendar events, and the one or more private calendar events." This element is similar to the element discussed above with respect to claim 69. For the same reasons stated above with respect to claim 69, no prima facie case of obviousness has been established with respect to claim 76 or dependent claims 77-82 depending therefrom.

Applicants also restate that at least dependent claims 81 and 82 contain additional features not disclosed by Wang or Pancha, for the reasons detailed in Applicants' previous response.

E. Claims 83-85

Claim 83 includes, among other features, "maintaining a plurality of individual calendars, each individual calendar corresponding to one wireless device of the group, wherein each individual calendar comprises the one or more calendar events from all wireless devices of the group and the one or more private calendar events from the corresponding wireless device." As stated above with respect to claim 48, Wang does not contain any disclosure of maintaining or providing an individual calendar that contains both private and shared calendar events. Pancha also does not disclose this feature. Accordingly, the cited references do not disclose all the elements of claim 83, and no prima facie case of obviousness has been established with respect to claim 83 or claims 84 and 85 depending therefrom.

Applicants also restate that dependent claims 84 and 85 contain additional features not disclosed by Wang or Pancha, for the reasons detailed in Applicants' previous response.

F. Claims 86-88

Claim 86 includes, among other features, "maintaining a plurality of individual calendars, each individual calendar corresponding to one wireless device of the group, wherein each individual calendar comprises the one or more calendar events from all wireless devices of the group and the one or more private calendar events from the corresponding wireless device." This element is similar to the element discussed above with respect to claim 83. For the same reasons stated above with respect to claim 83, no prima facie case of obviousness has been established with respect to claim 86 or dependent claims 87 and 88 depending therefrom.

Applicants also restate that dependent claims 84 and 85 contain additional features not disclosed by Wang or Pancha, for the reasons detailed in Applicants' previous response.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §101

In paragraph 24 of the Office Action, claims 89-98 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101

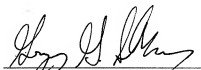
as being directed toward unpatentable subject matter. More specifically, the Examiner asserts that the claimed "machine-readable medium" could comprise a signal, which renders the claim unpatentable. Applicants disagree that claims 89-98 are directed towards unpatentable subject matter. Nevertheless, Applicants have cancelled claims 89-98 in order to advance prosecution.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that pending claims 48-88 are in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should it be deemed necessary to facilitate prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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